

FEBRUARY 26, 2014 – NOTES TAKEN BY THE SEVIER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION AT A WORK SESSION HELD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2014, AT 1:00 PM IN THE SEVIER SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE.

In attendance were President Clint Johnson, Vice President Jack Hansen, members Tom Hales, Don Naser, and Richard Orr, as were Superintendent Cade Douglas, Assistant Superintendent Gail Albrecht, Business Administrator Chad W. Lloyd, Special Services Director Lisa Crane, and Executive Secretary Patricia Sanchez.

President Johnson arrived to the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Vice President Hansen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The agenda was adjusted to have the Open Meeting Law training first.

ITEM #1. – COMMUNITY COUNCILS/TRUST LANDS ANNUAL TRAINING. Business Administrator Chad Lloyd provided the annual training to the Board for Community Councils/Trust Lands, in which he noted that all of the information presented was available at www.schoollandtrust.org/index.php. He also reviewed the following with the group: roles and responsibilities of the Board, superintendent, principal, school employee members, and parents; the community council compliance checklist and timeline as well as the 2013 legislative changes for councils, appropriate expenditures, and amendments to state board rules and the Utah Code.

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ITEM #2. – OPEN MEETING LAW ANNUAL TRAINING. Mr. Lloyd had Board members and administration logon to the USB PowerUp website at usbapowerup.com to access the open meeting law training.

ITEM #3. – ASSESSMENT REVIEW & DISCUSSION. Superintendent Douglas explained that the decision he was about to discuss was very difficult because of all the hard work and efforts that went into NWEA and then to have it rejected by the state. Superintendent Mickelsen and other District administrators researched, trained, and made numerous presentations to legislators, state directors, and superintendents about how adaptive testing provided more accurate data on student growth and proficiency because they were measured several times a year as opposed to one assessment traditionally given at the end of the school year. However, the state chose to go with SAGE. Superintendent Mickelsen had developed a plan for the District wherein NWEA would be administered in the fall and in March, with the winter being optional. Students would also be tested through SAGE in May. SAGE testing occurs at the end of every school year and is required state law.

Superintendent Douglas further explained that District administration had met with each principal to gather input about staying with NWEA or just using the required state assessment system. The questions and answers can be found in the attached document. After gathering sufficient information, District administration had come to the conclusion that students were being over-tested, which took valuable time away from instruction. Students in grades K-2 will be tested in the spring using NWEA. All other students will be tested in the spring using the SAGE assessment. After this school year, the District will no longer use NWEA.

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ITEM #4. – CLOSED MEETING. There was no closed meeting held.

The meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

I certify that upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board of Education of the Sevier School District approved the foregoing minutes on the 19th day of March 2014. I further certify that a quorum of the Board was present on both the day covered by these minutes and the day of approval.

Chad Lloyd, Business Administrator